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FELLOWSHIP HEALTH RESOURCES, INC. PRESENTS THIRD ANNUAL MYTH & MUSIC FOR MENTAL HEALTH

(Lincoln, Rhode Island) – On May 31, 2009, Fellowship Health Resources, Inc. presented its third annual Myth & Music, at 2:00 p.m., at the Providence College - Smith Center for the Arts, Providence, Rhode Island. The arts and education event featured the Rhode Island Wind Ensemble performing the selections of many distinguished composers who lived and worked with the challenges of mental illness. Nneka Nwosu, Reporter/Video Journalist for Channel 12/Fox Providence served as Master of Ceremonies for the afternoon's festivities.

In conjunction with "May is Mental Health Month," Myth & Music seeks to promote a fair, accurate, and balanced portrayal of mental illness in our communities. The program integrated musical and public speaking components intended to facilitate an accurate public understanding about the facts of mental illness.

As an integral part of the celebration, Fellowship Health Resources honored Craig S. Stenning, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Mental Health, Retardation, and Hospitals, with the OPUS Award in recognition of his Outstanding Performance and Unparalleled Service on behalf of individuals living with behavioral health disorders. Craig is a seasoned leader in the field of substance use treatment and mental health. He founded the CODAC Treatment Centers in 1971 and led the nonprofit for 28 years as President/CEO before entering state government in 2000 to serve as Rhode Island's first executive director of Behavioral Healthcare Services. The Rhode Island Senate confirmed Craig's current position as the permanent director of the RI Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals on March 11, 2009.

The proceeds from this event will go towards supporting Fellowship Health Resources and its efforts to enhance the provision of services to individuals recovering from mental illness and addictive disorders.

Fellowship Health Resources, Inc., headquartered in Lincoln, Rhode Island, is a nonprofit agency providing both clinical and supportive services to persons with mental illness, co-occurring disorders, and other life challenges. Since opening its first program in 1975, the Fellowship has helped thousands of people each year start new lives of dignity and purpose. The Fellowship currently serves individuals in fifty programs in the states of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina.

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